

# West Don Lands | Committee

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By email: exc@toronto.ca

City of Toronto Executive Committee

Dear Mayor Tory and Members of the Executive Committee,

## Re: EX33.2 Advancing City Priority Transit Expansion Projects - Eglinton East Light Rail Transit and Waterfront East Light Rail Transit

We are writing on behalf of the West Don Lands Committee (WDLC) to support the staff recommendations respecting the Waterfront East LRT and to urge the Committee to consider further steps to accelerate implementation of this project.

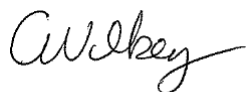
First, to expedite the engineering and planning work, we ask that Executive Committee recommend that any necessary funding authorization be included in the 2023 budget to bring the project to the critical 60% design level by the end of 2023. We understand that this design goal is reasonably achievable. We suggest this amendment to ensure that design momentum can be maintained without having to resort to the 2024 budget process.

Second, we ask that staff be authorized to engage with the other levels of government on funding, financing and phasing strategies for the LRT as part of preparation for the report back for Q2 2023. With the Don Mouth Flood Protection Project nearing completion, the LRT project needs to advance quickly enough to support development planning for the East Bayfront, Keating Channel and Villiers Island development. Early and ongoing discussions with the other orders of government are critical.

Members of WDLC groups have been involved in planning for the Waterfront LRT since 2006. There have been frustrating stops and starts along with significant technical challenges. We know that it has been a hardship for employees and residents of the East Bayfront who were promised a "transit first" neighbourhood. The data is clear on the considerable economic, social and sustainability benefits of having certainty around higher order transit in place before the next phase of development. We believe it is in the City's interest to take every opportunity to expedite this project.

Thank you for your consideration of these recommendations.

Yours truly,



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